GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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ITDC HOTELS TO PRIVATE PLAYERS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved a scheme to throw open Government run hotels to private parties by leasing out their properties;

(b) if so, the main features of the scheme alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) the role of the Government in the changed environment;

(d) whether this experiment has been made by the Government in some of their hotels earlier;

(e) if so, the outcome thereof;

(f) whether some International hotel chains have also been offered this arrangement; and

(g) if so, their response in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (g): Ministry of Tourism has not approved any scheme to throw open Government run hotels to private parties by leasing out their properties. However, this issue is examined on merit on case to case basis. Pursuant to the Government decision on the disinvestment of India Tourism Development Corporation Hotels, Kumarakruppa Frontier Hotels Private Limited was incorporated by the Department of Disinvestment to take over the assets and liabilities of Hotel Ashok Bangalore. On acceptance of the bid of M/s. Bharat Hotels Limited, Hotel Ashok Bangalore was leased out to M/s. Bharat Hotels Limited for a period of 30 years together with the Airport Restaurant, Bangalore w.e.f. 29th November, 2001.